

THE BALLOON RIDE

It was Carol's birthday and her parents were taking her to her present. She had been trying to guess [what/ hurt/ clam] the present was but could not. [Red/ Her/ Pop] parents were also not giving any [tribe/ clues/ giant] as to what it might be. [All/ Met/ Hop] they said was that it was something [she/ jet/ out] had never done before.

They pulled [were/ skip/ into] a farm and drove out to [a/ in/ on] field where people were working beside [up/ of/ a] van. On the ground was a [tune/ into/ huge] brightly colored cloth and a big [she/ fan/ was]. Then Carol saw the gondola which [is/ of/ my] a big basket that people stand [in/ of/ me] when they ride a hot air [because/ balloon/ perfect]. At that moment her parents announced [rose/ that/ bite] her present was a hot air [balloon/ swimming/ outlaw] ride.

What a surprise! She would [have/ into/ wave] never guessed. She had seen them [saw/ but/ fly] over her house before and had [musical/ thought/ trumpet] how pretty they were against the [hunt/ blue/ dial] sky. Carol had even talked to [fit/ out/ the] people in one that was flying [yet/ pop/ low]. They had hollered back and waved. [However/ Feeding/ Blunder], she didn't know anyone who had [soap/ ever/ sell] ridden in one before and she certainly [grace/ smell/ never] thought she would get to ride [in/ rag/ of] one.

She watched as the workers [best/ used/ soon] the fan to fill the big [prospect/ balloon/ crack]. Even though the balloon looked full, [it/ on/ as] stayed on the ground. They then attached [fit/ sun/ the] gondola. Next they put a gas [burner/ golden/ shadow] between the balloon and gondola. When [they/ yard/ / shot] turned the burner on a blue

[round/ flame/ about] shot into the opening of the [balloon/ similar/ resist]. The flame heated the air in [eat/ jay/ the] balloon which made it slowly rise [rug/ off/ sky] the ground. The pilot set the [wretched/ gondola/ blunder] up and told Carol to get [in/ so/ he]. Helpers used ropes to hold them [name/ find/ down] until the air in the balloon [bus/ sat/ was] hot enough. When they let the [scrap/ ropes/ bones] go the balloon quickly and quietly [swim/ rose/ park] straight up.

Carol waved to her [swollen/ secure/ parents] as she watched everything get smaller. [Lie/ The/ Dot] gondola seemed to get smaller too. [The/ Hit/ Fix] basket which looked so big and [ginger/ inform/ sturdy] on the ground now seemed very [where/ small/ drain] and flimsy. She held on tight. [As/ It/ He] they rose above the trees, Carol [could/ plead/ noble] see for miles. She was too [gale/ ford/ busy] looking to be scared any more. [There/ Spear/ Trail] was so much to see and [she/ pie/ sit] wanted to see everything.

Carol was [shed/ also/ dust] fascinated with how quiet it was [but/ up/ of] there. Except for the occasional blast [mind/ ripe/ from] the burner, all she could hear [man/ was/ bug] a few children who were shouting [up/ do/ if] at them. Carol waved back at [them/ drum/ bean] because she remembered how much fun it [fed/ was/ tag] having someone wave to you from a [became/ explain/ balloon]. Carol knew she would remember this [present/ perhaps/ mention] for a long time.